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## Students worry about police power

After two University of Maryland student activists were added to a terrorism watch list in 2005, many worry about the effect of police power on student-run political activities | **Page 3**

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Not everyone will be enjoying an abundance of food this Thanksgiving, and with the end of rollover occurring this coming semester, columnist Marisha Pietrowski is hoping the University will find a way to help the less fortunate | **Page 4**

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What do you think a catalytic converter is?



**LUDA POLYAKOVA**  
Sophomore, English

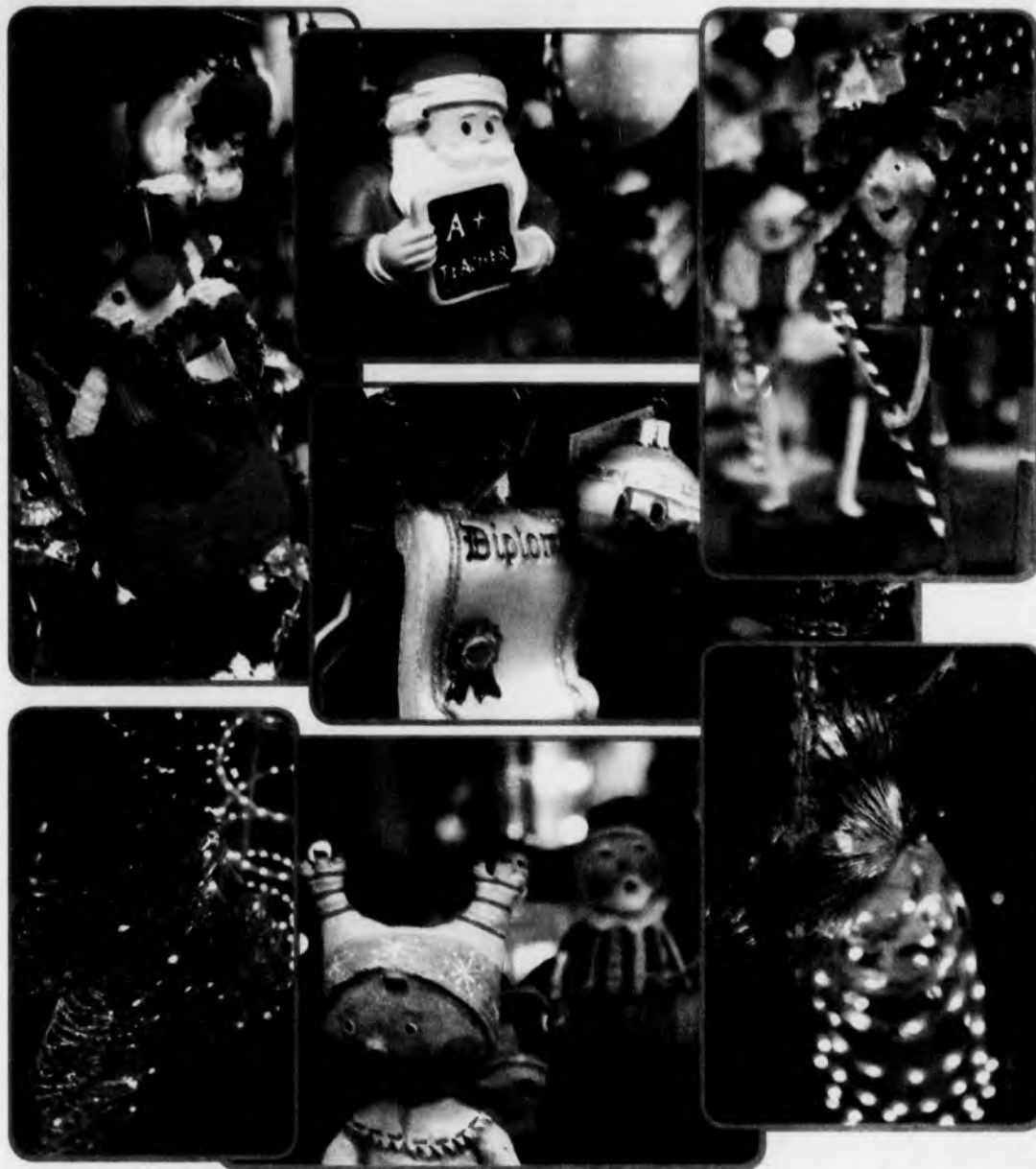
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**TODAY**  
Snow Showers  
High: 35, Low: 29



**TOMORROW**  
Few Snow Showers  
High: 36, Low: 25



BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

**PRE-FESTIVITY:** Many stores are getting into the holiday spirit even before Thanksgiving. One of the stores that sells a variety of gifts for the holiday season, is For Keeps. Located at 144 South Main St., you can find festive ornaments and other holiday gifts including the ones shown above.

## Christmas continues to creep up

By Ella Fowler  
Reporter

Even before a turkey graces the tables of thousands of Americans, businesses and corporations alike were dreaming of sugar plums and candy canes.

The day after Halloween many shoppers were surprised to find holiday decorations and music spanning the windows and speakers of their favorite shopping centers.

"It doesn't bother me," first year graduate student Cory Lachtara said. "It is retail time and they want to get ready

[for the holiday season]. I just think it is kind of stupid."

But junior Kristen Compton loves the holiday season and can't get enough of the holiday spirit.

"I'm really obsessed with Christmas and I got really excited when I heard the Christmas music in Wal-Mart," she said. "But I can see why some people are annoyed because we just skip over Thanksgiving."

But for downtown businesses like Calico, Sage and Thyme, this year's holiday season may not be as cheerful.

"[This] is the scariest holi-

day season I will have been through yet and I have gone through two recessions in 33 years," said Barb Rothrock, owner of the gift store located on Clay Street.

Rothrock added consumers are starting their holiday shopping later and shoppers are being more cautious because of the current economy.

Jeff Bryden, a professor in the marketing department, said businesses should be concerned due to the low consumer confidence level.

According to The Conference Board, the organization who researches the

consumer confidence level, the level is calculated through the spending and savings of consumers. This past October, the consumer confidence level hit an all-time low, decreasing from 61.4 in September to 38.0, which has many retailers wondering what surprises they will find in their stockings this holiday season.

"I don't know any [business] who's not worried," Rothrock said. "We are all worried and this is a vital time to stay in

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## University parking lots target for converter thefts

By Ryan Sullivan  
Campus Editor

A recent string of catalytic converter thefts from University parking lots has left at least nine cars bumping noisily down the road without the exhaust-cleaning device.

James Wiegand, director of public safety, said the thefts started about two weeks ago and haven't stopped since.

The main reason catalytic converters are stolen is for the platinum they contain, Lieutenant Tony Hetrick of the Bowling Green City Police Division said.

The city hasn't seen an increase in thefts of the devices, Hetrick said, just one every once in a while. But on campus the story is different, with nine vehicles being targeted in the past two weeks.

And because the price of platinum has recently decreased, University police are having a hard time understanding "why

now?"

"Six months ago, eight months, even a year ago I could understand," Wiegand said. "But the value of the metal has gone down."

The common targets have been vehicles such as Jeeps, Wiegand said, possibly because how easy it is to get under a larger vehicle and get the catalytic converter and get out quickly.

Wiegand has a theory on why vehicles parked on campus are being targeted.

"It is basically because of convenience," he said. "They can walk between the aisles and find vehicles very easily."

Campus Police Detective Tony Dotson said there isn't a particular parking area being targeted.

"[The thefts] are spread out all over campus," Dotson said. "It just appears to be vehicles that are easy to crawl under."

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## Man killed during attack on guests

By Thomas Watkins  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An Oregon man who was fatally shot as he wielded samurai swords and tried to attack guests at a landmark Scientology building had been involved in "prior incidents" with the church, police said yesterday.

Mario Majorski, 48, was shot once by a security guard as he tried to use the swords to attack guests at the Scientology Celebrity Centre in Hollywood on Sunday, Detective Wendi Berndt said.

Berndt said that the Scientology church and security guards were already familiar with Majorski, and that he had been associated with the church in the "distant past." She did not elaborate on the earlier dealings.

"The security people were aware of him through some

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## Spotlight on new Chamber of Commerce director

By Dru Sexton  
Reporter

The Bowling Green City Chamber of Commerce recently replaced its former director with a familiar face.

After the former director moved on to pursue her master studies, Earlene Kilpatrick, former director of Main Street BG, acquired her duties on Oct. 1.

Earlene originally moved to Bowling Green in 1979, she soon met her husband Claude and they started a family. She decided to devote herself to her family while staying very active in the community.

She worked with Main Street BG for ten years prior to becoming the Chamber of Commerce director in October.

"It felt like it was a comfortable, professional and personal move for me to apply for this position," Earlene said.

Transitioning from director of Main Street BG to City of Commerce has been a "humbling process" for her.

"I have received flowers, cards, phone calls and e-mails, all congratulating me," she said.

Although she truly enjoyed her position with Main Street BG, she said, it was time for a change.

The Chamber of Commerce is a very well known institution that dates back over 100 years. It's a membership based organization, and the ultimate goal is to help strengthen businesses and business owners.

The organization is responsible for helping attract businesses and retaining them. They host ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses, as well help them cut cost, from things like reducing insurance rates, to lowering credit card transaction fees.

"In an average day an individual walks into the Chamber of Commerce doors seeking information on starting a new business. They come to find out

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CARRIE CRANE | THE BG NEWS

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## BLOTTER

### SATURDAY, NOV. 22

12:41 A.M.

Nicholas Leggio, 23, of Lambertville, Mich., was arrested for public intoxication and inability to care for himself after falling asleep on a table at Lmaries Dry Cleaning.

2:22 A.M.

Complainant reported he was jumped by three males while walking down North Main Street. He received minor injuries, but had no descriptions of the offenders.

2:41 A.M.

Subject was assaulted at a house on East Napoleon Road and was treated for a broken ankle and bleeding.

3:32 A.M.

Seth Horner, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespass and inducing panic after he and a group of males were witnessed pounding on an apartment door on East Merry Avenue and yelling "police."

## SUNDAY, NOV. 23

1:41 P.M.

Daniel Loera, 32, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct after he was witnessed stumbling down the street in front of Ridge Elementary School.

ONLINE: Go to [bgnews.com](http://bgnews.com) for the complete blotter list.

## CHRISTMAS

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business and with the economy the way it is. It is very scary."

Rothrock added this year she hasn't done anything out of the ordinary to bring in consumers, but she has been advertising more for independent businesses like her own and the ideals of supporting local businesses.

"Small independent businesses bring community character to Bowling Green," Rothrock said. "It is important to support them especially with the economy the way it is right now."

## CORRECTION POLICY

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## DIRECTOR

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whom to talk with, what information they need and things like that," she said.

What we would do is help go over the positives and negatives, come up with a business plan, and figure out what sorts of financial aid might be available to them, Earlene said.

Currently the Chamber of Commerce has set forth many goals. Most challenging of these goals is to revise the budget.

"Things like how can we provide more services to our members without increasing dues, or how can we cut costs to members without harming or endangering those services, are the biggest and most important issues right now," Earlene said.

Other things such as revamping the membership brochure or recruiting and retention methods are always an ongoing challenge.

Then there are always community gatherings that also require a lot of time and effort.

"Here things are very fast paced, you move from one project to the next, then on to the next," Earlene said.

For example this past weekend was the annual holiday parade. The parade lasts for two full hours and is the largest of its kind in Northwestern Ohio.

The parade required hours and hours of preparation. As soon as the parade is over things shifted to the next big event, which is the 2nd Annual Meeting Dinner Dance held in January.

"Earlene is a very active lady," her husband of 22 years Claude Kilpatrick said. "She does a lot more than just Bowling Green director of Chamber of Commerce."

Over the years she has been

"Here things are very fast paced, you move from one project to the next ..."

Earlene Kilpatrick | Director

very involved in the community. Currently she is president of the Women's Club, a member of the Exchange Club, an active member of the First Christian Church, a member of the traffic commission and much more.

Knowing Earlene means staying very active all the time, Claude said.

"She is a take charge kind of lady. When obstacles present themselves, she solves problems," he said.

Many of the people in Bowling Green think that Earlene is very qualified to be the new director of Chamber of Commerce, Claude said; she is especially good at collaborating with not just businesses but also the high school and University as well.

Current chairman of Main Street BG, and owner of the Ben Franklin craft store downtown, Floyd Craft, agreed, she cooperates with everyone and has collaborated with many of the people in the community.

"She is a good replacement," Craft said.

It is an easy transition for her, because having worked with Main Street BG for so long she will be working with many of the same people just at a different organization, he said.

One of her best qualities Claude said, "She is very approachable and not hesitant to promote the Chamber in any way."

If someone has some sort of project idea or if they just want to get involved they can call the Chamber of Commerce or contact Earlene at 419-353-7945.

## THEFT

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Brandon Jones, the store manager of Tireman Auto Service Center on South Main Street, said a catalytic converter is an essential component of the exhaust system. "If it is stolen, the exhaust is not hooked up to the vehicle," Jones said. "This can burn up a valve in the engine and cause a loss of power to the vehicle."

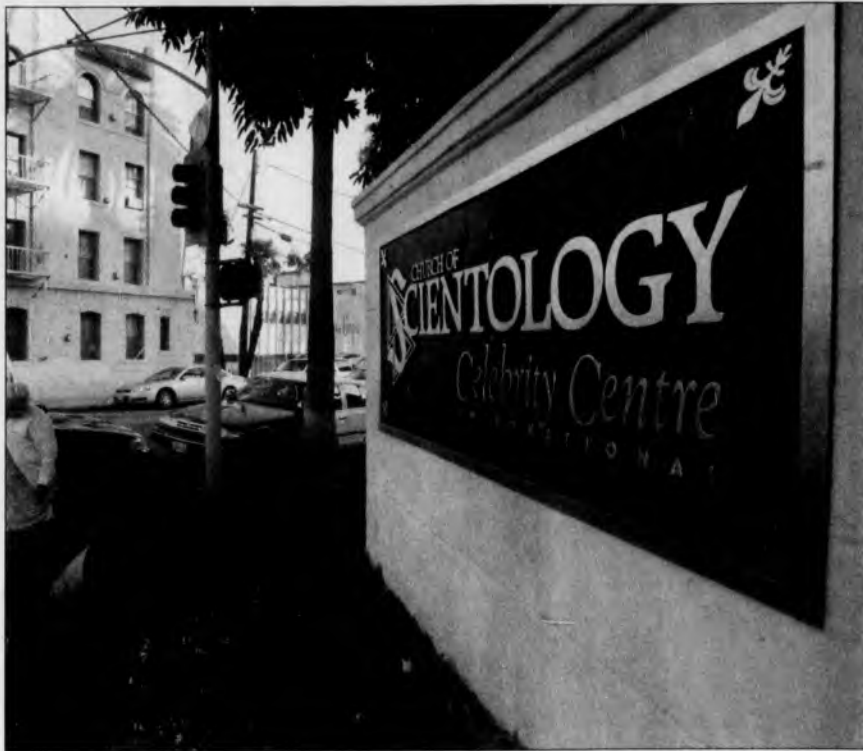
A catalytic converter is also required to pass an emissions

test in most states, he said.

Micah Fashner, a senior majoring in mathematics, said he isn't really worried about being victimized.

"I just lock my doors and that's about it," Fashner said. "I couldn't really tell you what [a catalytic converter] even is."

Wiegand said that while the investigation continues, he has advised officers to pay extra attention to parking lots on campus. He also encouraged anybody with additional information to contact the police department.



RIC FRANCIS | AP PHOTO

**GUN TO A SWORD FIGHT:** Pedestrians walk past the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International, where police are conducting a crime scene investigation Sunday, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. A security guard shot and killed a man wielding a sword.

## SAMURAI

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prior incidents," Berndt said.

The shooting will be reviewed by the district attorney's office, but police were treating the killing as justifiable.

"The security guard had to take action to prevent the deceased from killing or maiming people on the premises," Berndt said.

Security surveillance tape showed Majorski arrived around noon in a red convertible, then approached the guards with a sword in each

hand before he was shot, Berndt said. She said the tape would not be released to the public because it was too graphic. No other weapons were found in the car, which Berndt said she thought was a rental.

Majorski was pronounced dead at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center.

Public records show he had been associated with a string of addresses in Los Angeles County and in Oregon over the last two decades. He filed for bankruptcy in 2000.

Messages left at a Scientology media line were not returned yesterday.

The Celebrity Centre is a turreted, castle-like landmark in Hollywood that serves as "a home for the artist, a place where he can come and learn, attend seminars, meet other artists and even perform at our many showcases and events," according to the Centre's Web site.

The Church of Scientology was established in 1945 by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard and claims 10 million members around the world. It likes to cultivate celebrity followers, and among its more famed acolytes are Tom Cruise and John Travolta.

# Selfless service needed to be White House chef

By Holly Ramer

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Speculating about a new chef at the White House has become — as one culinary insider puts it — fantasy football for foodies.

But as tempting as it may be to see the Obama family's choice as the ultimate "Top Chef" competition, former White House chefs say the job is about selfless service, not star power.

Walter Scheib, White House executive chef for Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, believes there's a 90 percent chance the new administration will stick with his successor, Cristeta Comerford. And if the Obamas do hire someone new, it won't be a television personality or any of the celebrity names bandied about on food and political blogs, he said.

"None of these people have any idea what the job is about," said Scheib. "And they're temperamentally not suited for it. You have to be a person who has a real heart of service, and it can't be someone who needs to see themselves on camera."

Roland Mesnier, who retired in 2004 after 25 years as the White House's executive pastry chef, would never recommend a TV chef for the first family.

"Celebrity chefs, in my book, are not chefs. They're entertainers," he said. "All these people on TV? Forget

it."

A spokesman for President-elect Barack Obama said it's too early to comment whether there will be a new executive chef. But outside speculation has focused on Art Smith, Oprah Winfrey's personal chef; NBA star Carmelo Anthony's personal chef, Daniel Young, who cooked for Obama at the Democratic National Convention; and Rick Bayless, whose Chicago restaurant Topolobampo is a favorite of Obama's.

At the same time, members of the Organic Consumers Association are organizing a letter-writing campaign urging Obama to promote healthy, sustainable and organic eating by hiring a well-known organic chef such as Nora Pouillon or Alice Waters.

None of the above would be a good fit, said Scheib.

"I get a kick out of all these people saying the No. 1 thing should be green, or sustainable or this, that or the other thing. They're missing the point. It's not about advancing your agenda. It's not about building your repertoire. It's not about getting your business promoted," he said. "It's about serving the first family, first, last and in every way. That's the only job."

The head chef earns \$80,000-\$100,000 a year creating menus for state dinners, holiday functions, receptions and official luncheons hosted by the president and first lady. Though the gala affairs

are organizational challenges, Scheib says the greater challenge comes on the personal side: feeding the president, his family and guests.

A White House chef's sensitivity and understanding is just as important as culinary skills, given that the chef is among the few people who interact with the first family in private, Scheib and Mesnier say.

"For the domestic staff — and for all the fancy titles, that's all the people in the residence are — how they learn the temperament and temperature of the first family is crucial. It makes doing a state dinner look easy," said Scheib, who has written a book and started a business planning private events since leaving the White House. "The challenge is how you give them everything they need and at the same time expand their horizons if they choose, but at the same time, not being underfoot."

Or as Mesnier puts it, "You have to be almost a clairvoyant, someone who can read a crystal ball and be able to judge what would they love today."

Both men give Comerford, the first woman and first minority to serve as executive chef, high marks in that regard. Neither believes she will be replaced, an opinion not shared by Tim Ryan, president of the Culinary Institute of America, which has sent several alumni (including Scheib) to the White House.

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8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**Muslim Student Association Prayer Room**

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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Fashion Show Ticket Sales**

Union Table Space

12 - 1 p.m.

**Weight Watchers at Work**

316 Union

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**BG24 Broadcast**

Union, Falcon's Nest TVs

6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Delta Sigma Pi Date Auction**

228 Union - Multipurpose Room

8 - 9 p.m.

**The Cowboy Astronomer**

112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

9 p.m.

**Bowling Green Equestrian Team information session**

Olscamp 206

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## Maryland police label activism terrorism

By Ken Pitts  
U-Wire

Two University of Maryland student activists were added to a Maryland State police terrorism watch list because of their participation in an anti-death penalty event in 2005, according to police documents released last week.

The spying on university activities is the latest revelation in a widening probe into what state police have acknowledged was a major misuse of power, which the targets fear could scare students away from political organizing.

An undercover state police officer also attended the event, which was held at the Nyumburu Cultural Center on March 30, 2005, to see if participants were planning violent protests, according to the files.

The two students police added to the terrorism watchlist—doctoral Latin America studies student Shane Dillingham and former physics post-doctoral student and lecturer Laura J. Lising—were members of the campus branch of the International Socialist Organization, which co-sponsored the forum with the Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

Dillingham had once been the chapter's president and Lising was the chapter's former faculty adviser, but neither were full-time members of the group at the time of the event. Dillingham had completed his undergraduate degree the year before, he said. Lising had moved on to a job at Towson University in 2003, she said.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION



BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

**MOTIVATION:** Last evening Dr. Steven Cady gave an inspiring performance to a live studio audience. Recorded for WBGU, his program *Life Inspired: Six Ways To A Passionate Soul* teaches how to turn your life around. **INSET:** Dr. Cady engages with the audience to emphasize his six points. Last night's telecast will premiere on WBGU-PBS on December 8th.

## Speaker inspires search for passionate soul

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

There are six ways to a passionate soul, and according to Steven Cady, an associate professor in management. Most of society isn't living their passion.

"Life Inspired: Six Ways to a Passionate Soul" focused on how people could change the way they are living day to day to do what they really want and get the most out of it.

Cady, while giving his presentation in Kobacker Hall inside the Moore Musical Arts Center, described his relationship with his father, Robert Cady, who lived his life as a banker, but never followed his dream.

"Steven, if I could do it again, I would be a marine biologist," his father used to say.

It was discussions like this that caused Cady to study people's passions and whether or not they are following their dreams.

The six ways include: know, claim, see, seize, suffer and center.

Passionate souls know their

calling, according to Cady.

A passionate soul consist of two elements for Cady: talent and difference.

The talent element is used to make a difference in people's lives, which are used to affirm life, according to Cady.

To explain this point, Cady said that passionate people claim their purpose. To do this passionate people need supporters who they will focus on when trying to reach their goals in life.

"Passionate souls know who they are despite what they think others may think of them," he said.

While Cady believes those with passion strive for their goals despite any possible detractors, people who lack a passionate soul live with the fear of being noticed and live with the comfort of hiding unnoticed by others.

"Passionate souls don't like to be comfortable," he said.

Passionate people not only know who they are, they also recognize the chances they have in life, he said.

For Cady, those chances

fall into two categories:

synchronicity and equifinality.

Synchronicity is the belief that at any one time, the opportunity is available for people to have what they want. This pattern is followed by passionate people according to Cady.

While synchronicity focuses on opportunity equifinality looks at life's problems and finds multiple solutions.

Passionate souls also relish the unexpected and follow that drive to seize the moment, he said. He used the equation, choice plus focus equals action to develop his lifestyle guide.

The decision for people to take action is not an easy one to make, but for Cady the passionate people will take the opportunity to make the tough decision.

Cady also believes that passionate souls also embrace suffering to reach their goals, while also seizing the moment when one presents itself to follow their dreams.

To conclude the presentation Cady showed a picture of a tombstone, which showed a birth date but the date of death

was left blank. He used this picture to express his belief that the dash is the part of the life which is lived by a person.

People in attendance came away looking at their own life and wondering what their passion is and how they can change their lives to fulfill their goals.

Amanda Sipes, a senior majoring in psychology, came away from the presentation looking at what her passion was and decided money wasn't her ultimate goal, but rather to follow her dreams.

"It's about loving what you do," she said.

While Sipes believes she will make changes to her own life, Steve Toth, a case worker for Mountain Mentors who works with at risk students from the Mentor county court system, said he will be passing on what he learned from the presentation and bring change to the people around him.

"That being a mentor at Mountain Mentors is being the change that I wish to see in the world," he said.

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"I just lock my doors and that's about it. I couldn't really tell you what a [catalytic convertor] even is."  
— Micah Fashner, senior, on the recent theft of catalytic convertors [see story, pg. 1].

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you think a catalytic convertor is?



"It reverses catastrophes."  
**DANI DAVIS,**  
Junior,  
Education



"It's a translator."  
**CARLTON MARCINI,**  
Freshman,  
Criminal Justice



"It has something to do with religion."  
**OLGA KUTOVAYA,**  
Grad Student,  
Biology



"Absolutely no clue."  
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MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

## Thanksgiving is not the only holiday in which those less fortunate go hungry



**MARISHA PIETROWSKI**  
COLUMNIST

Can you imagine only having enough money to afford a cup of coffee?

Sure, many people say they cannot survive without their daily dose of Starbucks, but what if you were so desperate, you could rely only on \$3.28 worth of food a day? Would that cup of coffee be your breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

If you are an Ohio resident relying on the Ohio Direction Card for assistance to buy food, that low amount of money may be reality. Better known as food stamps, more and more families are reliant upon this program in order to put food on their table for themselves and their families.

According to the Blade, over the past seven years, the number of Ohioans receiving food stamps nearly doubled. Currently, 1.1 million people in the state have Ohio Direction Cards, which allot \$3.28 a day for a person to eat. For many during these tough economic times, receiving this \$3.28 assistance is the only way one can afford to pay the other

bills, and even with that, many people are still struggling.

To put that number into perspective, BGSU meal plan rates designate between \$12.39 to \$16.11 for one college student to eat daily. University Dining Services says that most students only have about \$100 in rollover each semester. That means most people spend close to that daily allotted amount by the university, and that \$3.28 is not a realistic total for a daily meal.

Since Thanksgiving is a mere two days away, many charities and organizations are doing what they can to collect and deliver food donations to needy individuals and families around the holiday season. It is always a wonderful sight to see people giving to their fellow community members, because as the numbers show, people are in need.

However, our stomachs don't know the difference between a holiday centered on a large dinner and any other day. If a person is unable to survive on Thanksgiving with only \$3.28 worth of food, how is it they can survive every other day of their lives?

As I said, I enjoyed seeing numerous organizations, such as Silent Solidarity, the Honors Learning Community, and BGSU residence halls collecting food for

those in need around the holiday season. BGSU students are a caring group of people.

We can see by the increase in food stamp recipients (and an allocation inconsistent with the increases in food prices over the years) that putting food on the table has been a struggle all year, not simply around the holidays. There are many wonderful food drives that take place during the holiday season; maybe efforts to keep food on the table could extend beyond the holiday season.

For example, UDS will end the meal plan rollover in the spring. Although UDS says that most students have little rollover left, what about a solution to students who have problems spending their entire meal plan that would help others?

Maybe a program could be introduced that would bring food to needy families via food centers on campus. I know that I end up buying numerous items in bulk when I go to the convenience stores, and I never end up eating them. What if boxes were set up at dining centers for students to donate nonperishable food items? This way, the sense of generosity exhibited during this holiday season could be extended all year long.

Or, what about some sort of adopt a family program? I think it would be a wonderful

service if BGSU students like me who have extra rollover to spend could be paired up with a family in need.

We could be provided a list of items they could use, and students could donate as much as they can from their meal plan balances. There are days I do not spend \$12.39 on my meals (especially since I do not stay on campus on the weekends), but I'm sure there are days that families will spend more than \$3.28 on their meals.

A program such as this would not only help those in need or those in need of spending their meal plan. UDS hasn't been the most popular office on campus as of late as a result of the rollover elimination, and it would probably be a good public relations move on their part. If they were willing to stock a little bit extra food for students to give to needy families, it would show that BGSU recognizes the needs of the community.

I hope that everyone has a good Thanksgiving, especially those who are reliant upon assistance from the government or others for their meals. I also hope that those who are in need can have their needs met throughout the year.

— Respond to Marisha at [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com)

## Instead of shopping till you drop, spend time with your family

By Jeff Hall  
U-Wire

I don't know about you, but I'm broke.

No, I'm not going hungry, and there are millions of people in this country who are far worse off than I am. But I'm still broke — a condition I'm sure every current and former college student can understand. And like many of you, I've incurred a large amount of personal debt in order to pay for school.

Again, I'm not complaining. The fact that I am able to go to college is a privilege in and of itself, an opportunity that I feel incredibly grateful for. But with

so many of us broke and in debt, why is it that so many of our peers are chomping at the bit to hit the malls the day after Thanksgiving? For many of us, holiday purchases simply mean more debt.

Despite this, there is an unspoken societal expectation

that we go out and spend in order to demonstrate our commitment to our loved ones.

Enter Buy Nothing Day. Buy Nothing Day was created by the Adbusters Media Foundation nearly two decades ago. It's the idea that people should spend time with loved ones, not spend money on them. It's the idea that consumerism does not create happiness; in fact, it destroys it. It's the idea that on "Black Friday," you should spend no money as a powerful, personal protest against the idea that buying things buys happiness.

This may seem simplistic; critics argue that the actions of a few individuals on the busiest shopping day of the year will have no impact on society as a whole. Buy Nothing Day hasn't had an immediate impact. But it is important in three ways.

First, Buy Nothing Day acknowledges that many people live beyond their means, running up credit card debt in an effort to "keep up with the Joneses." This kind of consumer spending has been the backbone of our economy, and the disastrous results of such recklessness are clear.

This spending stems from that expectation that consumer goods are the best way of demonstrating prosperity. Unfortunately, this idea undermines both those doing the

spending and the economy as a whole.

The second reason that Buy Nothing Day is important is it points out the danger of consumerism, a trend in which the American people are not seen as individuals, but are reduced to consumers as a demographic. Consumers have no feelings or needs which cannot be remedied by a product. Even the most basic instincts are corrupted. To paraphrase the book "Culture Jam," hunger no longer equals cook, hunger equals Big Mac. Thirst no longer means water, thirst means Coke. Loneliness doesn't mean coffee with friends, it means a Facebook message.

By taking a pause from the endless cycle of consumption-based desire, we can get to know what we truly want and hope for, outside of any marketing scheme. Lastly, Buy Nothing

Day reinforces the relationships we take for granted. Debt and overstretched budgets can wreak havoc on families, and reducing a friend to an item on a shopping list trivializes the history you have together.

The idea isn't to completely avoid consumption in your life, but to make conscious choices. Would your mom rather have a top or a book that she can buy for herself, or a handwritten letter that tells her how much you appreciate everything she has done for you?

Dad can always buy himself more ties, or more power tools. But let him know how glad you are to have him as a father, how he made you into the man or woman you are today, and you not only make him feel good, but you give yourself something good by deepening your bond together.

We're all broke or in debt; it's a condition that comes with college — like insomnia and procrastination. But there are choices you can make.

So this Friday, instead of spending your day fighting with yet another overweight woman in a "Looney Tunes" T-shirt for the cheap DVD player at your favorite big box store, take the afternoon to let your loved ones know how much you really appreciate them.

This Friday, Buy Nothing. It's everything you need.

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**UPWARD TREND:** Traders Brian C. Platt, front, and Bradley C. Cohen, signal in the S&P 500 pit at the CME Group yesterday in Chicago.

## Stock prices jump as good news comes to Wall Street

### Citigroup bailout provides relief to uncertain investors

By Tim Paradis  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street showed relief yesterday over the government's plan to bail out Citigroup Inc. — a move it hopes will help quiet some of the uncertainty hounding the financial sector and the overall economy. The major indexes jumped more than 4 percent, extending a rally that began Friday.

The market's climb was notable because it occurred in relatively orderly trading in which stocks had held their gains by mid afternoon rather than vacillating between advances and declines as has occurred frequently in recent weeks. If stocks end higher, it would mark the first two-day gain on Wall Street since Oct. 30-31.

The final hour of trading has proven pivotal in October and November, often upending or adding force to market moves as traders square away positions and comply with a rush of buy and sell orders.

The advance comes even after the markets anticipated last week that some sort of rescue for Citigroup could occur. But investors nonetheless appeared emboldened by the U.S. government's decision late Sunday to invest \$20 billion in Citigroup and guarantee \$306 billion in risky assets.

Wall Street briefly came off its highs of the session, with the Dow Jones industrial average paring its gain from 300 points to 200 points, as President-elect Obama formally named his economic team but didn't offer specifics of an economic stimulus package nor state that he would push back a plan to raise taxes on the richest Americans. He reiterated his goal of creating 2.5 million jobs during the next two years.

Alan Lancz, director at investment research group LanczGlobal, said that while the market might have wanted a firmer commitment against raising taxes, it was too soon for Obama to outline specifics. Lancz expects the new administration wouldn't rush to implement the hikes if the economy was too weak.

"There's so many balls in the air right now he'd be foolish to make specific comments," Lancz said, noting that the economic picture could change

greatly by Inauguration Day, which is Jan. 20.

The market rallied following announcement of the plan by the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to stabilize Citigroup.

It's only the latest effort this year to support a banking system troubled by bad debt and flagging confidence.

Besides implementing its \$700 billion bailout plan for the overall financial industry, the government has bailed out insurance giant American International Group Inc. and taken over lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

**"I think, at a minimum, what you're seeing today is some relief that, first of all, they're stepping in to do something."**

Jim Baird | Investment Strategist

Jim Baird, chief investment strategist with Plante Moran Financial Advisors, said Wall Street was calmed by the government's decision to help prop up Citigroup but he predicted that the initial enthusiasm could give way to further questions about the effectiveness of the government's array of efforts to sew up problems in the financial sector.

"I think, at a minimum, what you're seeing today is some relief that, first of all, they're stepping in to do something," he said. "There's still more questions than answers surrounding whether what's been done is going to be enough."

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 335.40, or 4.17 percent, to 8,381.82.

Broader stock indicators also jumped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 42.36, or 5.29 percent, to 842.39, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 64.63, or 4.67 percent, to 1,448.98.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 19.04, or

4.68 percent, to 425.58.

The rise in stocks follows a rally Friday that saw the Dow industrials jump 494 points, or 6.5 percent. The other major indexes also rose sharply. Still, stocks ended the week with a loss after heavy selling Wednesday and Thursday.

Lancz said Friday's rally and yesterday's follow-up reflect a renewed sense that Washington is taking steps to help repair the markets and that the scope of selling for much of last week had left the market overdue for a rally.

"The market is looking for some stewardship. It's at least adding to the bleak confidence that investors have," he said, referring to the Citigroup plan as well as the overtures of the still-forming Obama administration.

Bond prices were mixed yesterday as investors examined the government's bailout plan for Citigroup. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.33 percent from 3.20 percent late Friday.

The Treasury bill market showed continuing high demand, a sign of investors' caution. The yield on the three-month T-bill, considered one of the safest investments, fell to 0.02 percent from 0.04 percent late Friday.

The dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Baird said the uncertainty over whether the government's cocktail of direct investments in financial houses and support of debt obligations will prove effective has led to the stock market volatility. The concerns about banks and the broader economy are likely to continue, he said.

"Just the sheer breadth of potential outcomes is very, very wide which I think makes it difficult for investors to determine how do you play it from here."

Wall Street shrugged off a larger-than-expected drop in sales of existing homes last month as investors instead focus on the government's plans for the financial sector. And while the housing numbers fell short of expectations, Wall Street expected sales would fall sharply after last month's upheaval in the financial markets.

## GM, Tiger Woods to end partnership

By Tom Krisher  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said yesterday it is ending its nine-year endorsement deal with golf superstar Tiger Woods as the automaker continues to cut expenses and hoard cash while trying to survive the worst sales downturn in a quarter-century.

The cash-strapped company said in a statement that it is looking to reduce costs, and that the world's No. 1 golfer also wants more personal time as he expects his second child.

Woods has endorsed GM products around the world and mainly has been seen in Buick commercials as the company tried to give the nameplate a more youthful image. He has carried the Buick brand on his golf bag since 2000, and his most recent promotion was to caddy for a contest winner for nine holes at Torrey Pines, where Woods won the U.S. Open this summer for his 14th career major.

The endorsement deal, believed to be worth at least \$7 million a year, was to end in 2009. Woods' agent at IMG, Mark Steinberg, said the decision to end the relationship one year early was "absolutely mutual."

"It was a combination of things," Steinberg said. "Tiger was looking to gain some more time, and certainly it was an opportunity for GM to reduce its spend-



CHRIS CARLSON | AP PHOTO

**PARTING WAYS:** Tiger Woods helped to introduce the 2008 Buick Enclave to the media at the Los Angeles Auto Show in Pasadena, Calif. in 2006.

ing with everything going on."

GM has been making dramatic cuts in advertising as it tries to conserve cash. The nation's largest automaker spent nearly \$7 billion more than it took in last quarter and has warned that, without federal help, it may reach the minimum amount of cash required to run the company by the end of the year.

Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president for North American marketing, said GM and Woods started discussing an end to the deal earlier this year, and it had nothing to do with the Detroit Three automakers' quest for \$25 billion in federal loans.

But GM's statement said the decision was made as part of "the search for budget efficiencies during a difficult economy for General Motors."

Buick said last week that it would be cutting back on its deal providing courtesy cars

at PGA Tour events.

GM is also concerned about costs that it cut advertising during the 2009 Super Bowl, although it still plans to sponsor the National Football League and likely air ads before and after the game. GM also has pulled out of the Oscars and Emmy Awards in 2009 — the first time in over a decade that it is not running ads right before, during or after the two events.

U.S. automakers, the single largest category of advertisers, cut their ad spending 18 percent to \$1.37 billion in the second quarter compared with the same quarter in 2007, according to TNS Media Intelligence in New York.

Foreign automakers also are trimming their spending on advertising in U.S. markets, with a 5.4 percent cut in the second quarter, for an overall 11 percent drop in U.S. auto ad spending to \$3.27 billion, the 12th quarterly dip in a row.

## Alleged carjacker clubbed with frozen turkey in North Carolina grocery store parking lot

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Stopped. Cold turkey.

North Carolina authorities say a shopper clubbed an alleged carjacker with a frozen turkey as he tried to steal a woman's car in a grocery store parking lot Sunday.

Police say 30-year-old Fred Louis Ervin of Raleigh stole money from a gas station before running across the street to a

Harris Teeter store in a town just south of Raleigh. Garner police say he began beating Irene Moorman Bailey while stealing her car.

Other shoppers came to her rescue, including one who hit Ervin with the turkey. Police did not release the person's name.

Despite serious head injuries, Ervin got away in Bailey's car

and hit several other cars as he fled. But police arrested him a short time later.

He faces several charges including assault inflicting serious injury. Ervin was hospitalized yesterday in good condition, a hospital spokeswoman said. He had not yet been assigned a lawyer and was to appear in court Dec. 30.



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## SIDELINES



## BASKETBALL

## AP releases latest men's college basketball poll

North Carolina was named the unanimous No. 1 team in the country in the Associated Press' newest college basketball poll. UCONN, Louisville, Pitt and Michigan State rounded out the top five.

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## ONLINE

## The BG News Sports Blog

Although Thanksgiving break starts tomorrow, we're not stopping with our BG sports coverage on the blog. All week long, we'll have updates, info and analysis on your favorite BG teams. From today to Friday, we'll have continuing coverage of the upcoming football match up between the Falcons and Toledo.

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## SCHEDULE

## TODAY

Women's basketball:  
at St. Francis (PA); 7 p.m.

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## Sports History

**1990**—The Winnipeg Blue Bombers beat the Edmonton Eskimos 50-11 to win the CFL Grey Cup.

**1983**—Larry Holmes TKOs Marvis Frazier in one round for the heavyweight boxing title.

## The List

What would college football be without rivalries? Friday's Falcon football game just happens to be its rivalry match up with Toledo. Here's five reasons why you should go:

- 1. The Peace Pipe:** It's the trophy handed to the winner of the game every year. BG currently has it.
- 2. Toledo Tom:** It will be UT coach Tom Amstutz' last game as head coach.
- 3. Six wins:** If BG wins, they'll be bowl eligible at 6-6.
- 4. Last time out:** For BG's 17 seniors, it will be their last time in uniform. Why not send them out on a high note?
- 5. Season finale:** This will be the last Falcon football game until April, so take one last game in for the season.



## Time for the Battle of



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## The Rockets will host the Falcons in both teams' season finale

By Andrew Harner  
Assistant Sports Editor

## BG vs. TOLEDO

Where: The Glass Bowl, Toledo

When: Friday, 3:30 p.m.

TV: ESPN Classic

Radio: WBGU-FM 88.1

With hopes of a Mid-American Conference Eastern division crown dashed last week, all cause is not lost for the Falcons when they take on Toledo Friday afternoon.

With the Peace Pipe on the line and the opportunity for a bowl bid still lingering, the Falcons still have reason to show up and play hard.

## Toledo Preview

While Toledo is a team that has struggled for the most part this

season, the Rockets have played some bigger and better opponents very well.

Toledo took then No. 25 Fresno State to the brink in a 55-54 loss, beat Michigan 13-10 and is coming off a big 42-17 win against Miami.

By the same token, BG has played very well on the road this season posting a 4-2 road record.

The added element of rivalry will also bide well for both teams.

"To beat UT, which is a rival game, [gives us] bragging rights for 364 days," coach Gregg Brandon said.

However, Toledo is no cake walk despite a 2-8 record.

On offense, the Rockets are led by the trio of Aaron Opelt, Nick Moore and Morgan Williams. Last week, Williams ran for 330 yards against Miami, and Toledo has six

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## BGSU Students, Faculty and Staff,

On behalf of BGSU Athletics, thank you for your support of BGSU football throughout the entire 2008 season. In particular, a special thanks to all who braved the elements to be a part of our regular season home finale this past Friday. While the final scores throughout the season weren't always what we had in mind, your continued support of the Football Falcons and all other BGSU Athletics teams is greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, and if you'll be sticking around the area, remember the BGSU football team concludes the regular season with the annual Battle of I-75 rivalry game at Toledo on Friday, Nov. 28. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. at The Glass Bowl on the UT campus, and if you can't make it in person, the game is being televised on ESPN Classic.

Thanks again for your continued support, and Roll Along!

Greg Christopher

## Men's hoops loses tough game to OSU

By Chris Voloschuk  
Sports Editor

So far this season, the Falcon men's basketball team has shown it can hang with tough competition on the road, and with Ohio State being next up on the schedule, it was time for them to prove they could hang some more.

Last night would prove to be yet another challenge, as the Ohio State Buckeyes awaited them in Columbus. While the Falcons fought hard, coming back from a 10-point second half deficit, the home team would take the lead for good in the waning seconds of regulation, 61-57.

Last night's game represented BG's second foray into the Big 10. Two weeks ago, they participated in the NABC Classic, hosted by Minnesota. And, much like last night, they overcame a



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

**NICE START:** The BG men's basketball team has a 3-2 record so far this season.

deficit to make things interesting against a team who was thought to be better.

With 7:42 to play, BG was finally able to catch up to OSU and tie

up the score at 45 when senior guard Brian Moten drained one of his three-pointers. Then the momentum of the game rolled in BG's favor, as it took the lead, 49-45, on a Nate Miller jumper at the 6:24 mark.

The Falcons were not able to hold onto their slim lead though, as the Buckeyes stormed back with the aid of a number of different scorers.

In the final 30 seconds of the game, BG trailed 58-55, and after a timeout, Moten came out and connected on a jumpshot to bring the score to 58-57. After another timeout, OSU was able to put the game away on a pair of David Lighty free throws. Darryl Clements missed a triple try of his own with only a few spare seconds on the clock that iced the game.

Overall, the Falcons had only two players, Clements and Moten, score in double figures, with 13 and 17, respectively.

## Women's hoops to face St. Francis tonight

By Andrew Harner  
Assistant Sports Editor

After getting the pressure of getting the first win off their shoulders, BG's women's basketball team will head towards the Atlantic Ocean over break.

Despite having to be in a hotel on Thanksgiving, this trip may help BG start a winning streak as all three teams they will face are a combined 0-9 this season.

"I told the team we would enjoy this long road trip with a Saturday win much more than we would

have if we didn't," coach Curt Miller said. "We didn't want to go on the road Monday being 0-3."

Starting tonight with St. Francis (Penn.), the Falcons will also face Winston-Salem State and UNC Greensboro in the UNCG Marriott Classic in Greensboro, NC, on Friday and Saturday.

St. Francis has not won this season and is coming off a 6-23 campaign from 2007-08. A big part of their struggles is allowing opponents to shoot 53.8 percent from the field.





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**TOP DOGS:** North Carolina is the unanimous No. 1 for the second straight week.



KEITH SRAKOCIC | AP PHOTO

**PANTHERS LEAP:** Pitt moved from No. 6 to No. 4 in this week's poll.



ANDRES LEIGHTON | AP PHOTO

**NEW MEMBER:** Xavier cracked the Top 25 for the first time this season.

## North Carolina still stands as AP's No. 1 basketball team

By Jim O'Connell  
The Associated Press

It took until the second week of the season for a team to break into the Top 25.

North Carolina, Connecticut and Louisville held the top three spots in The Associated Press' college basketball poll yesterday, while Xavier moved in at No. 16 after winning the Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

The Tar Heels (3-0), who welcomed back player of the year Tyler Hansbrough from an injury, were again a unanimous selection of the 72-member national media panel. Hansbrough, who missed three weeks of practice and two games with a stress reaction in his right leg, had 13 points in 25 minutes in an 84-67 win over UC Santa Barbara last Friday. Those were the first games the senior missed in his career.

Connecticut (4-0) beat La Salle and Miami to advance to the championship game of the Paradise Jam, while Louisville (2-0) opened its season by winning its Billy Minardi Classic with wins over Morehead State and South Alabama.

The poll began changing there because of UCLA's 55-52 loss to Michigan in the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic.

Pittsburgh (4-0) moved from

sixth to fourth, leaping Michigan State (2-0), which remained No. 5. Texas (2-0) moved up one place to sixth, while Duke (6-0), which beat Michigan for the 2K Sports Classic title, jumped from 10th to No. 7.

Notre Dame (2-0) and Gonzaga (2-0) remained eighth and ninth, while Purdue (4-0) moved up one place to close out the Top Ten.

UCLA (3-1), which bounced back to beat Southern Illinois 77-60 in the third-place game, dropped from fourth to No. 13, three spots in front of Xavier (5-0), which beat Missouri, Virginia Tech and Memphis to win the tournament in Puerto Rico.

Oklahoma was No. 11, followed by Tennessee, UCLA, Arizona State, Marquette, Xavier, Florida, Memphis, Wake Forest and Villanova.

Georgetown, Kansas, Miami, Davidson and Wisconsin rounded out the Top 25.

Southern California (3-2) dropped out from No. 19 after losing to Seton Hall and Missouri in the same tournament Xavier won.

The Musketeers were ranked for 14 weeks last season, reaching as high as No. 8 and finishing 12th in the final poll. They lost three key players from that team which lost to UCLA in

the regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

Freshman guard Terrell Holloway went 10-for-10 from the free throw line for a second straight game to lead a balanced offense for the Musketeers in the 63-58 win over Memphis that gave them a 5-0 record for the first time since 1997-98.

"We knew with a strong field in Puerto Rico that we would learn a lot about our team and we did and the double good is that we not only learned a lot but that we had three quality wins," Xavier coach Sean Miller said yesterday. "We know that any one of those games could have gone against us but it was a good run for our team."

Miller said the upperclassmen on this team learned a lot about leadership from last season's team.

"We lost three quality seniors before last season, too, and we had players step up to lead and even though those players left, we have had that again this season," he said.

Xavier is off until hosting Miami of Ohio on Saturday.

The Old Spice Classic, which gets under way Thursday in Orlando, Fla., has four members of the Top 25 — Tennessee, Georgetown, Michigan State and Gonzaga — in its eight-team field.

### THE BG NEWS PICKS OF THE WEEK

Rivalries make college football extra fun to watch, and this is rivalry week. So, naturally, we're majorly excited over this week's slate of games. We've also got a tie at the top of our pick 'em standings between Craig and Andrew. It's a huge week.

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**#3 Oklahoma vs. #11 OK State**

Oklahoma -7

**#2 Florida vs. #23 FSU**

Florida -16

**#19 Oregon vs. #17 Oregon St.**

Oregon St. -35

**West Virginia vs. Pittsburgh**

WVU -35

**Overall record**

45-32

Coach Amstutz is done and the Peace Pipe will remain in the Sebo Center.

**BG 45, Toledo 17**

Auburn doesn't have the all-around balance to compete with Bama for four quarters. Tide rolls.

**Alabama 31, Auburn 10**

If Oklahoma can destroy Texas Tech, they can do the same to Oklahoma State. Sooners win in another landslide.

**Oklahoma 62, OK St. 24**

Tim Tebow will end world hunger, solve the auto industry crisis and sing "We are the World" while he beats up on FSU.

**Florida 42, FSU 21**

Who cares? I'll go with Oregon State at home.

**Oregon St. 29, Oregon 27**

Pitt has the formula to shut down WVU's offense. All they have to do is stick to last year's gameplan.

**Pitt 26, WVU 20**

**45-32**

Thank goodness this is a rivalry or BG may not even show up.

**BG 3, Toledo 0**

Can Auburn really play spoiler two straight years? Nah.

**Alabama 41, Auburn 24**

I don't need that fancy "State" title. I'm a simple kind of man.

**Oklahoma 55, OK St. 42**

If you've been reading, you can infer who I am taking here.

**Florida 42, FSU 22**

Give me an upset!

**Oregon St. 24, Oregon 21**

Wait a second. I've heard of these teams? Ah, the madness!

**WVU 18, Pitt 15**

**51-26**

Toledo sends Amstutz out a winner. Rockets blow up BG's chance at a winning season.

**Toledo 34, BG 31**

The Tigers, fur will be looking crimson after Alabama's beat down.

**Alabama 34, Auburn 9**

As I predicted last week, Oklahoma beat Texas Tech and Bradford should be the Heisman favorite. Sooners roll.

**Oklahoma 52, OK St. 21**

It shouldn't be a surprise here when the Indians have their land taken from them. Florida wins on the road.

**Florida 42, FSU 21**

Beavers take over the river by kicking the heck out of the Ducks.

**Oregon St. 24, Oregon 21**

It's the Backyard Brawl. Mountaineers climb up to Pennsylvania only to be pushed back down the hill.

**Pitt 27, WVU 17**

**51-26**

BG is going to puff that peace pipe and blow smoke right in the eyes of Toledo.

**BG 36, Toledo 17**

Bama is going to prove they're number one by plowing over Auburn.

**Alabama 56, Auburn 17**

Portlandie pandemonium.

**Oklahoma 38, OK St. 28**

I know, this is a ballsy pick. But I really want to see Tebow lose.

**FSU 42, Florida 36**

Ducks vs. Beavers: this should be a "dam" good game.

**Oregon 34, Oregon St. 24**

Pitt is still recovering from that season opener loss. Mountain mama, take me home, country roads.

**WVU 32, Pitt 21**

**48-29**

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**TOUGH CUSTOMERS:** Minnesota State-Mankato is ranked tenth in the nation.

## Hockey to play Minnesota State-Mankato this week

By Ethan Magoc  
Reporter

As if two losses with a combined score of 14-2 to Notre Dame, now ranked second in the country, weren't enough, BG's hockey team now hosts tenth-ranked Minnesota State-Mankato for two games this weekend.

Both tilts begin at 7:05 p.m. at the BGSU Ice Arena.

The Mavericks roll into BG sporting a 7-3-2 overall record and a 5-3-2 record in their conference, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

BG plays its first non-conference games since traveling to Boston College and Providence more than a month ago. The Falcons now stand at 5-7-2 overall and 4-5-1 in the conference,

as they struggle to keep their heads above water in the always-competitive Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

These two teams have never met, though BG is 15-29 overall, a .340 winning percentage, against other WCHA opponents.

MSU's goaltender, senior Mike Zacharias, has played in all 12 games this season, posting a 2.54 goals against average and a .918 save percentage.

Meanwhile, Kurt Davis, a sophomore defenseman, ranks 14th among the nation's scoring leaders with 17 points. Having a defenseman as a successful team's top scorer means Mankato will play a very balanced, competitive style of hockey in BG this weekend.

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"These units are measuring about 23 percent capacity factor, that means they are only producing their full output about 23 percent of the time," Maynard said. "The rest of the time we have to supplement the power from other resources."

Wind turbines are labeled a 'green technology' because it is a sustainable energy and lessens negative environmental

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**HYBRID BUS:** The hybrid shuttle bus is a result of a collaboration between the University's Electric Vehicle Department and NASA. The mileage for the hybrid shuttle bus gets ten miles per gallon as opposed to the eight miles per gallon for the other BGSU shuttle buses.

## University hybrid shuttle bus offers an alternative to diesel-fueled buses

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

The technology department and NASA teamed to create a bus that is more environmentally friendly than traditional vehicles.

The Electric Vehicle Institute, part of the technology department, and NASA have been working on alternative energies for over a decade.

The result of their work can be seen driving around campus.

The hybrid shuttle used by the University was the result of several people working together to find an alternative to traditional gas and diesel-powered buses.

Among the key components of the hybrid shuttle is the Hybrid

Booster Drive.

The Hybrid Booster Drive is a system that complements the existing propulsion in vehicles that have the system installed. The system has four separate component modules, which are trademarked by the University covering how the system works.

Tony Palumbo, the chief of operations for the EVI, said the Hybrid Booster Drive has the benefit of saving fuel when compared to gas and diesel powered engines.

Palumbo said testing showed lower emissions and a brake life lasting four times that of a traditional vehicle.

The system can also be used with buses, industrial utility

vehicles and military vehicles, he said.

The final result was not the work of one person however.

Among those involved in the project include: Jeff Major, the chief engineer for the EVI and Larry Viterna, chief of NASA's Glenn Research Center Commercial Technology Office in Cleveland, who worked together to find an alternative to traditional diesel-powered buses.

Among the key components to the hybrid is the capacitor.

Major defined a capacitor as a passive electric component using two conductive plates, which

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## Solar energy projects are starting off small but hope to yield big results in the future

By Gina Potthoff  
Managing Editor

Utilities Director Kevin Maynard is Bowling Green's go-to-guy for green energy ideas.

"I'm the guy everybody comes to," Maynard said.

While his office looks into a variety of alternative energy sources, the city is paying close attention to one up and coming renewable resource: solar power. Maynard said solar has a lot of potential for saving money and electricity, noting the many projects the city has already developed that few residents are aware of.

The city first installed solar panels to the roof of Kenwood Elementary School, located on Kenwood Avenue, in 2000.

Kenwood Principal Gary Keller called the installation "more of a demonstration project" since the project was made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Development Office of Energy Efficiency, revenue from the Bowling GREEN Power program and in-kind contributions in the form of teacher training as part of the Energy Smart School Program.

Keller said when he was approached with the solar idea he was quickly onboard because of the educational value.

"We're going to have to find different sources of energy ... [panels] bring it home to students in their own backyard," he said.

Though the panels don't provide anywhere near the amount of electricity Kenwood needs to operate, Keller said educational and environmental uses are two great benefits.

"We're very proud to be part of the program," he said, noting the solar panels are also connected



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**SOLAR ENERGY:** Crim Elementary School is one of two grade schools in the city using solar panels to educate students on solar power, along with Kenwood Elementary School.

to the Bowling Green power grid that provides energy throughout the city.

Crim Elementary School was next in the line for solar panel projects. Principal Martha Fether said the solar panels are a great teaching tool for upper grade students, though the energy provided is minimal.

"We're not going to turn the heaters off," she said.

The BGSU Ice Arena also has solar panels, the first of which were installed in 2004-05. Maynard said the panels account for less than 1 percent of the total energy needed to operate the arena, but realizes they can't go all out on their first projects.

"We're starting maybe a little small here," Maynard said, "[but] you'll continue to see development in solar ... output continue to increase and costs continue to decrease."

Solar-powered pedestrian crossing lights were installed on Alumni Drive and on Mercer

### Bowling Green Solar Projects

- 2000: Kenwood Elementary School installs solar panels
- 2000-01: Crim Elementary School installs solar panels
- 2004-05: BGSU Ice Arena installs 31-kilowatt roof solar panels
- 2006-07: BGSU Ice Arena adds 10 more kilowatts
- 2007: Solar-powered pedestrian crossing lights installed at Alumni Drive
- 2008: City installs solar-powered battery backups in Main and Mercer stoplights

Source: Kevin Maynard, Bowling Green utilities director

Road in 2007, solar-powered backup batteries were installed in the Wooster/Main Street

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## WIND

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impacts, Maynard said.

A coal-fired power plant involves burning a natural resource in finite, which gives off emissions that can harm the environment. Wind turbines don't use up any fossil fuels or give off any emissions, Maynard said.

"It doesn't burn any fossil

fuels," Maynard said. "It has no emissions at all. So from that viewpoint it is a renewable resource because it operates off the power of wind, just like solar panels do with the sun and hydroelectric does with water."

Donald Scherer, president of Green Energy Ohio and professor emeritus of philosophy, had a wind turbine installed on his property by North Coast Wind and Power, based in Port Clinton, for about \$13,400.

He said about 40 percent of his electricity comes from the turbine resulting in 40 percent savings on his electric bill.

Investing in renewable energy is important because America needs to develop energy independence and because renewable energy is always available, Scherer said.

"Renewable energy is going to be there every year," Scherer said. "You don't have to worry about the supply of any fuel."



**SOLAR SIGN:** The "Welcome to Bowling Green" sign on Main Street is one of many things in town powered by solar energy.

## SOLAR

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stoplights and the "Welcome to Bowling Green" sign on Main is powered by solar energy as well.

Over time it can be cheaper to go with the solar, Maynard said, like in the case of the sign, which

helps utilize tax money more effectively.

The city also offers the Nature's Energy program, which allows electric customers to pay an extra 1.5 cents per kilowatt, about \$8-\$10 a month on average, to help stimulate the demand for new renewable facilities.

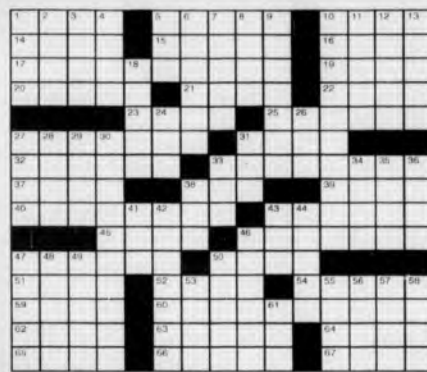
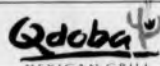
Maynard said 600 of the 14,400

electric customers have already signed up and he encourages other residents to opt into the program to keep the green energy projects going.

"The average resident is not aware [of our projects]," he said. "The city definitely supports other technologies. We'll continue working on applications."

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## ACROSS

- 1 Myers or Nesmith
- 5 Elegant behavior
- 10 Shoots the breeze
- 14 Really dry
- 15 Arthur Marx's stage name
- 16 Part of the eye
- 17 Stammering
- 19 Gangster's gal
- 20 Peruvian heights
- 21 Voila!
- 22 Pepper grinder
- 23 Clod-breakers
- 25 Time for wages
- 27 Unpaid athlete's status
- 31 Hairdresser's implement
- 32 Holiday destination
- 33 Came to pass
- 37 Dorothy's pet
- 38 Cool or groovy
- 39 Verdi heroine
- 40 Decorator's samples
- 43 Hollywood Bros.

- 45 Little-hand indication
- 46 Approval
- 47 Changes gears
- 50 Is unable to
- 51 Singer Turner
- 52 Horse god
- 54 Off-the-wall
- 59 Opposing side
- 60 Performed like Milli Vanilli
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## Local company makes BG a greener place

By Kyle Reynolds  
In Focus Editor

Green by Design is trying to make Bowling Green live up to its last name — Green.

The company at 19551 N. Dixie Highway specializes in selling energy reducing products and educating the community on green technology.

Amy Berente, Green by Design consultant, describes green products as those that save energy.

"Green can be anything from minimizing waste to reducing energy to recycling," Berente said. "What we try and do here is promote products, mainly heating and plumbing, that are going to be more energy efficient."

The store features a showroom of energy saving products for homeowners, including residential wind turbines, solar lighting, tankless water heaters, waterless urinals and organic cleaning supplies.

On their property is a wind turbine that is used to generate a portion of the facility's electricity.

The Skystream 3.7 model they use and sell usually generates about 40-60 percent of the electricity for the average household annually, Berente said.

Even though Bowling Green is so windy, wind strength varies from time to time. But wind turbine owners don't have to worry about having their lights shut off on a calm day, Berente said.

"It actually ties right into your electrical grid," Berente said. "So as it is producing and you are consuming, you will automatically take this electricity first and then your electrical company will be your backup when it is not producing enough."

The average price of installation for the Skystream 3.7 is \$25,000," Berente said. "But the price can be lower or higher depending on the height of the tower, which can range from 33-100 feet."

She said the wind turbines are the main draw for people and



**Amy Berente**  
Consultant for  
Green by Design

they've installed them at the Toledo Zoo, Clay High School in Oregon and about six local residences.

While the turbines bring in the most people, geothermal heating equipment is the top seller, Berente said.

"That is the most efficient way to heat and cool your home today and although it is not a new technology it seems to be becoming more mainstream and more people are starting to hear about it," Berente said.

Another energy-efficient product they sell is a waterless urinal.

It works by putting an absorbent cartridge in the urinal that soaks up everything and traps odor. After so many uses a homeowner can pour a gallon of water into it to flush the system and the savings over a year can amount up to \$40,000, Berente said.

People can expect to pay more for green products, but it is worth it in the end, Berente said.

"The green products are usually that much higher than your standard," Berente said. "Although that initial price may be a bit higher you are going to see the savings and in long run it is going to be more beneficial."

Green by Design also educates the community about green energy and reducing waste.

Several grade school, high school and college classes have come to the showroom for field trips, she said.

Berente and some of her fellow consultants also go to schools and give presentations on topics ranging from wind power, geothermal heating and what it means to be green.

"The main thing we hope to bring is to spread the word on



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what you can do to be more eco-friendly and what you can do at home to reduce your carbon footprint," Berente said.

**ONLINE:** Watch a video demonstration of green products from their showroom.

## HYBRID

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stores static electric charge.

While the capacitor helps make the Hybrid Booster Drive possible, Major also described one down side to the capacitor as being a limited storage capability when compared to a traditional battery.

The goal of the project was to lower fuel consumption and reduce emissions, Major said.

Better fuel efficiency has been one of the results of the shuttle, Palumbo said.

The mileage has gone up from eight miles per gallon to 10 miles per gallon, which leads to a sav-

ings of 20 percent, he said.

Palumbo described the mission of the project as developing and promoting advanced electrical propulsion technologies and to transfer the technologies to corporations and public agencies for production and implementation.

The project was funded through a grant from NASA in 2001 with the help of 9th district Rep. Marcy Kaptur who was credited by Palumbo for helping finance the project.

"We run on soft money, grants and those kinds of things are what make us go," he said.

The help received from NASA included Viterna who has also worked with Bowling Green on

technologies associated with the wind turbines located outside of town.

Viterna credited the University with becoming a primary source of design and assembly of the engine and transmission of the hybrid shuttle.

Viterna enjoyed working with the University on the project, which he described as one of the earliest involving hybrid electric vehicles.

"It was a great example of a partnership between a federal research laboratory, a University and private companies coming together to pioneer and advance technology, which led to advanced products," he said.

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Capacity factor is a way of measuring the output of a turbine. The capacity factor is how many kilowatt hours in a given time are produced compared to what would've been generated at full output in that given time

period.

"These units are measuring about 23 percent capacity factor, that means they are only producing their full output about 23 percent of the time," Maynard said. "The rest of the time we have to supplement the power from other resources."

Wind turbines are labeled a 'green technology' because it is a sustainable energy and lessens negative environmental

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**HYBRID BUS:** The hybrid shuttle bus is a result of a collaboration between the University's Electric Vehicle Department and NASA. The mileage for the hybrid shuttle bus gets ten miles per gallon as opposed to the eight miles per gallon for the other BGSU shuttle buses.

## University hybrid shuttle bus offers an alternative to diesel-fueled buses

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

The technology department and NASA teamed to create a bus that is more environmentally friendly than traditional vehicles.

The Electric Vehicle Institute, part of the technology department, and NASA have been working on alternative energies for over a decade.

The result of their work can be seen driving around campus.

The hybrid shuttle used by the University was the result of several people working together to find an alternative to traditional gas and diesel-powered buses.

Among the key components of the hybrid shuttle is the Hybrid

Boost Drive.

The Hybrid Boost Drive is a system that complements the existing propulsion in vehicles that have the system installed. The system has four separate component modules, which are trademarked by the University covering how the system works.

Tony Palumbo, the chief of operations for the EVI, said the Hybrid Boost Drive has the benefit of saving fuel when compared to gas and diesel powered engines.

Palumbo said testing showed lower emissions and a brake life lasting four times that of a traditional vehicle.

The system can also be used with buses, industrial utility

vehicles and military vehicles, he said.

The final result was not the work of one person however.

Among those involved in the project include: Jeff Major, the chief engineer for the EVI and Larry Viterna, chief of NASA's Glenn Research Center Commercial Technology Office in Cleveland, who worked together to find an alternative to traditional diesel-powered buses.

Among the key components to the hybrid is the capacitor.

Major defined a capacitor as a passive electric component using two conductive plates, which

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## Solar energy projects are starting off small but hope to yield big results in the future

By Gina Potthoff  
Managing Editor

Utilities Director Kevin Maynard is Bowling Green's go-to-guy for green energy ideas.

"I'm the guy everybody comes to," Maynard said.

While his office looks into a variety of alternative energy sources, the city is paying close attention to one up and coming renewable resource: solar power. Maynard said solar has a lot of potential for saving money and electricity, noting the many projects the city has already developed that few residents are aware of.

The city first installed solar panels to the roof of Kenwood Elementary School, located on Kenwood Avenue, in 2000.

Kenwood Principal Gary Keller called the installation "more of a demonstration project" since the project was made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Development Office of Energy Efficiency, revenue from the Bowling GREEN Power program and in-kind contributions in the form of teacher training as part of the Energy Smart School Program.

Keller said when he was approached with the solar idea he was quickly onboard because of the educational value.

"We're going to have to find different sources of energy ... [panels] bring it home to students in their own backyard," he said.

Though the panels don't provide anywhere near the amount of electricity Kenwood needs to operate, Keller said educational and environmental uses are two great benefits.

"We're very proud to be part of the program," he said, noting the solar panels are also connected



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**SOLAR ENERGY:** Crim Elementary School is one of two grade schools in the city using solar panels to educate students on solar power, along with Kenwood Elementary School.

to the Bowling Green power grid that provides energy throughout the city.

Crim Elementary School was next in the line for solar panel projects. Principal Martha Fether said the solar panels are a great teaching tool for upper grade students, though the energy provided is minimal.

"We're not going to turn the heaters off," she said.

The BGSU Ice Arena also has solar panels, the first of which were installed in 2004-05. Maynard said the panels account for less than 1 percent of the total energy needed to operate the arena, but realizes they can't go all out on their first projects.

"We're starting maybe a little small here," Maynard said, "[but] you'll continue to see development in solar ... output continue to increase and costs continue to decrease."

Solar-powered pedestrian crossing lights were installed on Alumni Drive and on Mercer

## Bowling Green Solar Projects

- 2000: Kenwood Elementary School installs solar panels
- 2000-01: Crim Elementary School installs solar panels
- 2004-05: BGSU Ice Arena installs 31-kilowatt roof solar panels
- 2006-07: BGSU Ice Arena adds 10 more kilowatts
- 2007: Solar-powered pedestrian crossing lights installed at Alumni Drive.
- 2008: City installs solar-powered battery backups in Main and Mercer stoplights

Source: Kevin Maynard, Bowling Green utilities director

Road in 2007, solar-powered backup batteries were installed in the Wooster/Main Street

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impacts, Maynard said.

A coal-fired power plant involves burning a natural resource in finite, which gives off emissions that can harm the environment. Wind turbines don't use up any fossil fuels or give off any emissions, Maynard said.

"It doesn't burn any fossil

fuels," Maynard said. "It has no emissions at all. So from that viewpoint it is a renewable resource because it operates off the power of wind, just like solar panels do with the sun and hydroelectric does with water."

Donald Scherer, president of Green Energy Ohio and professor emeritus of philosophy, had a wind turbine installed on his property by North Coast Wind and Power, based in Port Clinton, for about \$13,400.

He said about 40 percent of his electricity comes from the turbine resulting in 40 percent savings on his electric bill.

Investing in renewable energy is important because America needs to develop energy independence and because renewable energy is always available, Scherer said.

"Renewable energy is going to be there every year," Scherer said. "You don't have to worry about the supply of any fuel."



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**SOLAR SIGN:** The "Welcome to Bowling Green" sign on Main Street is one of many things in town powered by solar energy.

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stoplights and the "Welcome to Bowling Green" sign on Main is powered by solar energy as well.

Over time it can be cheaper to go with the solar, Maynard said, like in the case of the sign, which

helps utilize tax money more effectively.

The city also offers the Nature's Energy program, which allows electric customers to pay an extra 1.5 cents per kilowatt, about \$8-\$10 a month on average, to help stimulate the demand for new renewable facilities.

Maynard said 600 of the 14,400

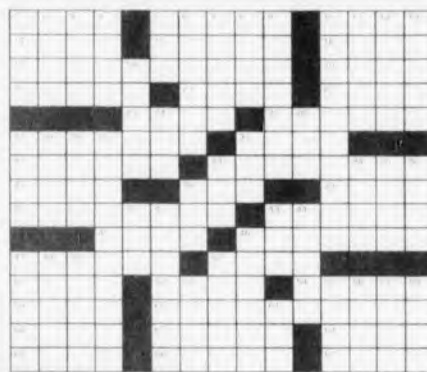
electric customers have already signed up and he encourages other residents to opt into the program to keep the green energy projects going.

"The average resident is not aware [of our projects]," he said. "The city definitely supports other technologies. We'll continue working on applications."

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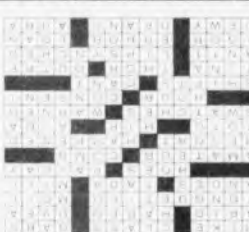


## ACROSS

1. Myers or Nesmith
5. Elegant behavior
10. Shoots the breeze
14. Really dry
15. Arthur Marx's stage name
16. Part of the eye
17. Stammering
19. Gangster's gal
20. Peruvian heights
21. Voila!
22. Pepper grinder
23. Clod-breakers
25. Time for wages
27. Unpaid athlete's status
31. Handdresser's implement
32. Holiday destination
33. Come to pass
37. Dorothy's pet
38. Cool or groovy
39. Verd heroine
40. Decorator's samples
43. Hollywood Bros.

45. Little-hand indication
48. Approval
47. Changes gears
50. Is unable to
51. Singer turner
52. Horse god
54. Off-line wall
59. Opposing side
60. Performed like Milli Vanilli
62. Frankenstein's flunky
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## Local company makes BG a greener place

By Kyle Reynolds  
In Focus Editor

Green by Design is trying to make Bowling Green live up to its last name — Green.

The company at 19551 N. Dixie Highway specializes in selling energy reducing products and educating the community on green technology.

Amy Berente, Green by Design consultant, describes green products as those that save energy.

"Green can be anything from minimizing waste to reducing energy to recycling," Berente said. "What we try and do here is promote products, mainly heating and plumbing, that are going to be more energy efficient."

The store features a showroom of energy saving products for homeowners, including residential wind turbines, solar lighting, tankless water heaters, waterless urinals and organic cleaning supplies.

On their property is a wind turbine that is used to generate a portion of the facility's electricity.

The Skystream 3.7 model they use and sell usually generates about 40-60 percent of the electricity for the average household annually, Berente said.

Even though Bowling Green is so windy, wind strength varies from time to time. But wind turbine owners don't have to worry about having their lights shut off on a calm day, Berente said.

"It actually ties right into your electrical grid," Berente said. "So as it is producing and you are consuming, you will automatically take this electricity first and then your electrical company will be your backup when it is not producing enough."

The average price of installation for the Skystream 3.7 is \$25,000," Berente said. "But the price can be lower or higher depending on the height of the tower, which can range from 33-100 feet."

She said the wind turbines are the main draw for people and



**Amy Berente**  
Consultant for  
Green by Design

they've installed them at the Toledo Zoo, Clay High School in Oregon and about six local residences.

While the turbines bring in the most people, geothermal heating equipment is the top seller, Berente said.

"That is the most efficient way to heat and cool your home today and although it is not a new technology it seems to be becoming more mainstream and more people are starting to hear about it," Berente said.

Another energy-efficient product they sell is a waterless urinal.

It works by putting an absorbent cartridge in the urinal that soaks up everything and traps odor. After so many uses a homeowner can pour a gallon of water into it to flush the system and the savings over a year can amount up to \$40,000, Berente said.

People can expect to pay more about 3 to 5 percent more for green products, but it is worth it in the end, Berente said.

"The green products are usually that much higher than your standard," Berente said. "Although that initial price may be a bit higher you are going to see the savings and in long run it is going to be more beneficial."

Green by Design also educates the community about green energy and reducing waste.

Several grade school, high school and college classes have come to the showroom for field trips, she said.

Berente and some of her fellow consultants also go to schools and give presentations on topics ranging from wind power, geothermal heating and what it means to be green.

"The main thing we hope to bring is to spread the word on



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**GO GREEN:** Green by Design specializes in selling energy-saving products for homeowners and educating the community on green technology.



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**WIND POWER:** The Skystream 3.7 wind turbine can generate an average of 40-60 of the needed electricity for the average household. Price for installation averages around \$25,000.

what you can do to be more eco-friendly and what you can do at home to reduce your carbon footprint," Berente said.

**ONLINE:** Watch a video demonstration of green products from their showroom.

ings of 20 percent, he said.

Palumbo described the mission of the project as developing and promoting advanced electrical propulsion technologies and to transfer the technologies to corporations and public agencies for production and implementation.

The project was funded through a grant from NASA in 2001 with the help of 9th district Rep. Marcy Kaptur who was credited by Palumbo for helping finance the project.

"We run on soft money, grants and those kinds of things are what make us go," he said.

The help received from NASA included Viterna who has also worked with Bowling Green on

technologies associated with the wind turbines located outside of town.

Viterna credited the University with becoming a primary source of design and assembly of the engine and transmission of the hybrid shuttle.

Viterna enjoyed working with the University on the project, which he described as one of the earliest involving hybrid electric vehicles.

"It was a great example of a partnership between a federal research laboratory, a University and private companies coming together to pioneer and advance technology, which led to advanced products," he said.

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**WOUNDED BENGAL:** Quarterback Carson Palmer hasn't played in any of Cincinnati's last six games.

## Palmer to throw soon, determine extent of damage to injured elbow

By Joe Kay  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — In about two weeks, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer will know whether he needs reconstructive surgery on his throwing elbow.

Palmer acknowledged yesterday that the ligament and tendon in his right elbow are partially torn from the bone, an injury that doctors are hoping can heal on its own. Palmer has sat out the last six games, spending his time strengthening the elbow.

He's scheduled to resume throwing on Dec. 7, testing the elbow for a few days to see whether it has healed. If not, he'll have Tommy John surgery, named after the baseball pitcher who had successful ligament replacement surgery.

"If the tendon and the ligament doesn't heal and doesn't fasten itself back down to the bone, then I'm assuming it's going to be surgery," Palmer said.

Palmer hurt the elbow when he

was hit while throwing a pass during a loss to the Giants in the third game of the season. He sat out one game, then played in a loss at Dallas on Oct. 5 — the last time he has thrown a pass. On doctors' advice, he has tried to rehabilitate the elbow rather than have surgery immediately.

"It's never good to have surgery," Palmer said. "God didn't create your elbow to be cut open and messed around with on the inside. So I'm trying to avoid surgery. If it comes to it and I have to do it, then I have to do it."

Although reconstructive elbow surgery is common in baseball, few quarterbacks have had it. Pitchers typically take about a year to fully recover, although their sport puts more stress on the elbow because of the different throwing motion.

"The only problem is it's kind of an unknown," Palmer said. "There haven't been a lot of guys (in the NFL) that have had it. There's been very few quarterbacks that have had it."

Carolina's Jake Delhomme hurt

his elbow in the third game last season, had reconstructive surgery and was back for this season. Delhomme has thrown for 2,250 yards with 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions, completing 57 percent of his passes.

"I talked to him," Palmer said. "His was a little bit of a different situation. But long story short: He had the surgery, he was back and practicing (and) is as accurate and has as powerful of an arm as he had before he tore it. So there has been a successful surgery, and that's what I'm hoping for."

Palmer thinks that if he has surgery, he can be ready for training camp next July. He notes that he made a faster-than-expected recovery from reconstructive knee surgery at the end of the 2005 season and was ready for the start of the next season.

Palmer hasn't given up hopes of playing in December for the Bengals (1-9-1), although it's up to the team to decide whether to put him in harm's way.

## BATTLE

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rushing touchdowns.

BG has been poor at stopping the run this season but have been improving. However, if Toledo chooses to the run the ball 46 times and pass just 26 like they did against Miami, BG may be trouble.

Brandon knows and understands how these weapons have been used and will prepare his team accordingly.

"They are still, I think, from top to bottom, one of the most athletic, skilled teams in the league," Brandon said. "Their quarterback has become more of a consistent player. Their running game is all of a sudden cranked up again."

The Falcons haven't won in Toledo since 1994 according to Brandon, and this year, Brandon would like to finally beat Tom Amstutz in The Glass Bowl. Amstutz earlier announced he will retire after this game.

"He's been a very formidable opponent, and if we could get this one, I'll get even with him," Brandon said. "He's done a great job and I certainly wish him the best."

### Bowling Green Preview

With the amount of struggling teams throughout college football, the Falcons, with a 6-6 record if they beat Toledo, have an outside of chance to go to a bowl game.

"We still have a chance to get bowl eligible," Brandon said. "There are not enough bowl eligible teams right now anyway so if we don't win, we'll never know."

Considering there are two teams in the West division that have better records than BG, it isn't likely BG would win a MAC bid if the conference was to get one.

### Fans: Part II

The question was raised about Brandon's rant about the fans after the Buffalo game, and he said if given a second chance, nothing would change.

"I stand by that 110 percent," Brandon said. "I've gotten support from people about it and I've gotten some negative comments about it. The bottom line is the game had championship implications and it was disappointing."

Brandon continued on to say he wasn't disappointed in fans who had circumstances that forced them to not attend, just the people who didn't attend for the sake of not attending. He compared the fan situation to the fan situation at the Ball State/

"He's been a very formidable opponent, and if we could get this one, I'll get even with him. He's done a great job and I certainly wish him the best."

Gregg Brandon | on Tom Amstutz



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Central Michigan game earlier in the week.

"Two days ago, Central's playing Ball State, 30-degree weather, I see kids with their shirts off, painted up," Brandon said. "That's college football. And you say, 'well, they're winning up there.' Well, we've been winning, maybe not so much as others, but hey, jump on board, get behind us, crank it up."

Brandon also said that some of the blame for the poor crowd can be placed on the shoulders of the coaches and the team's poor performance.

"I think that that's legit, but that doesn't mean don't come," Brandon said. "Again, it's not like we're 2-10. I mean, we still have a chance to go to the [MAC] championship if we win that game and win the next game. So come out and be cranked up about that. Forget everything that happened before."

### Injury Report

Jason Rice was carted off the field following a run in the second quarter. There was no report made on him during or after the game.

Today, Brandon announced that Rice would done for the season with a knee injury.

Rice had seemingly come out of nowhere to account for 127 rushing yards over the past three weeks.

Brandon did expect Rice to have enough time in the offseason to have surgery and rehab the knee in order to be ready for the start of the 2009 season.

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